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SUBJECT: POLICEMAN WOUNDED NEWRY AS RELATIVE CALM PREVAILS ULSTER

1. ROYAL ULSTER CONSTABULARY RESERVE CONSTABLE SHOT IN BUTTOCKS BY TWO TEENAGE GUNMEN CENTER TOWN OF NEWRY APRIL 10. OFFICIAL IRA HAS DENIED INVOLVEMENT AND IN VIEW OF LOCALE AND CIRCUMSTANCES ATTACK WAS PROBABLY INDIVIDUAL INITIATIVE BY MEMBERS PROVISIONAL IRA. TEENAGE GIRL WOUNDED BY STRAY SHOT.

2. TWO MEMBERS ULSTER DEFENSE ASSOCIATION (UDA) STILL MISSING AND ULSTER VOLUNTEER FORCE (UVF) HAS DENIED PARTICIPATION IN ANY ABDUCTION. UDA AND UVF LEADERS EXPECTED MEET TOGETHER APRIL 11 IN ATTEMPT DEFUSE POTENTIALLY EXPLOSIVE SITUATION.

3. ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY DR. DONALD COGGAN MAKING EXTREMELY FAVORABLE IMPRESSION CURRENT VISIT NORTHERN IRELAND. HE VISITED TROOPS AND MET WITH OFFICIALS LONDON DERRY APRIL 9. ON APRIL 10 DURING WALKING TOUR PEACE LINE AREA BETWEEN PROTESTANT SHANKILL AND ROMAN CATHOLIC FALLS AREA BELFAST HE HELD SPONTANEOUS PRAYER FOR PEACE SESSION SHANKILL. SOME FORTY ROMAN CATHOLIC WOMEN PARTICIPATED BY CROSSING PEACE LINE INTO SHANKILL AND ENTERING PROTESTANT CHURCH.

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